



Old Country Store

1000 N. 10th Street

Greenville, SC 29615-1000

July 10, 1998

Tony Buckley, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington DC 20463

Re: MUR 4434

Dear Mr. Buckley:

This is in response to your letter dated June 18, 1998 to D.W. Evins as Registered Agent for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.

This letter will respond to your Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers in the matter identified as MUR 4434. The corporation's answers to the specific questions are provided in the Affidavit supplied as Enclosure 1 to this document. Enclosure 1 is being delivered by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. in response to the identified subpoena, and the answers are submitted under oath by a corporate officer.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require further information.

Very truly yours,


James F. Blackstock

Vice President & General Counsel

cc: Dan W. Evins
Ron Magruder
Mike Woodhouse
Bruce Cotton

AFFIDAVIT
IN THE MATTER OF MUR 4434
IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS AND
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

The undersigned, James F. Blackstock, being duly sworn, states that he is a Vice President of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., a Tennessee corporation and the person to which the subject subpoena was directed, and makes the following responses on behalf of that corporation:

1. Produce all documents which refer, relate, or in any other way address the candidacy of Mark Sharpe in the 1994 general election, including, but not limited to, solicitations for contributions.

On behalf of respondent corporation, between June 23, 1998 and the date of this response, the undersigned conducted a review of corporate records and communicated with all persons likely to have any knowledge of this matter at the corporation's home office in Lebanon, TN. Based on that internal review, all documents which respond to this question, which are in the possession of personnel at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. in Lebanon, TN, have been identified, and are attached, in answer to Question 2.

2. Identify all persons employed by you who received a solicitation for a contribution to Mark Sharpe for Congress. Identify all other persons who were aware of any such solicitation.

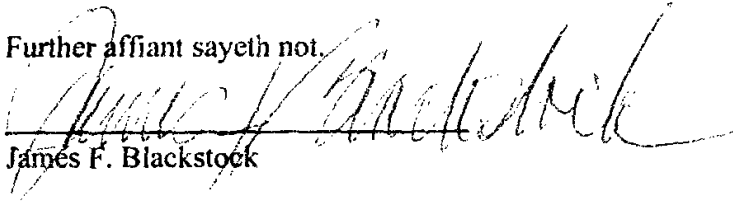
Following the internal review discussed in the answer to Question 1, no employees had any recollection of receiving solicitations for a contribution to Mark Sharpe for Congress. The review did reveal in the files of the corporation's Political Action Committee, Citizens for Political Accountability, a copy of a document entitled *PAC Information Packet Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle*. A true, correct and complete photocopy of that document is attached to this Affidavit as part of this answer. In addition, we have discovered in the PAC records a listing of 3 contributions by the PAC to the Mark Sharpe for Congress campaign totaling \$4,000.00. A true, correct and complete photocopy of that record and true, correct and complete photocopies of the cover letters and checks documenting those contributions are attached to this Affidavit as part of this answer. Melissa S. Cain, Administrator of the PAC in 1994, is not a current employee of this corporation. Finally, Dan W. Evins, while he has no direct recollection of a Mark Sharpe for Congress solicitation, has a hand written set of notes which indicate a personal contribution to the Mark Sharpe for Congress campaign on November 1, 1994 in the amount of \$1,000.00. A copy of that hand written note is attached to this Affidavit as part of this answer.

3. Provide a current written address and phone number for O.E. Philpot.

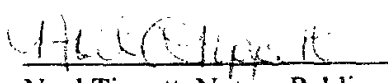
The most recent address and phone number for O.E. Philpot held by this corporation is as follows:

O.E. Philpot
6205 Gardendale Drive
Nashville, TN 37215
615.370.9757

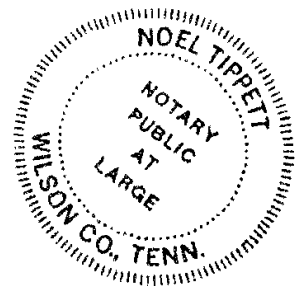
Further affiant sayeth not.


James F. Blackstock

Sworn to and subscribed before me, Noel Tippet, Notary Public, this 10th day of July, 1998.


Noel Tippet, Notary Public

My commission expires: July 22, 2000



PAC INFORMATION PACKET



M A R K S H A R P E

candidate for

U.S. Congress
Florida
District 11

1994
Election Cycle

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

A Letter from Mark Sharpe

This November, the people of Tampa will join voters across America in rejecting the discredited and destructive agenda of Bill Clinton and his minions in Congress. The results of the 1994 elections will define the final chapter of 40 years of misdirected and misapplied government. This information packet has been put together to help you evaluate a race that will be the focal point for this revolution in government.

I am challenging 32 year incumbent and acting chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee Sam Gibbons for the Florida District 11 seat. This race is center stage in the struggle between the failed agenda of misguided liberalism and the new and vibrant era of accountable, streamlined government.

Your organization and others like it have been struggling to make your voices heard in a government that is uninformed, uninterested, and unresponsive. Some have followed a policy of appeasement in a vain attempt to protect those they represent from the ravages of a government out of control. The challenge now is to participate actively in the transition that will come in November.

I am asking you now to join in our effort. As you look over this packet, you will see that we have what it takes to win. Right now, the race is a dead heat; with your help, we can secure a victory. Join with us now, and together we will welcome the rebirth of America in November.

Sincerely,



Mark Sharpe

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

Campaign Introduction

The 11th Congressional District, which includes Tampa, Brandon, Town & Country, Carrollwood, Gibsonton, Temple Terrace and part of Apollo Beach, has a tradition of voting conservative and is becoming more Republican every day.

The City of Tampa, which is the core of the district, traditionally vote Democrat, but our 1992 campaign made significant in-roads.

Congressman Gibbons was held to 52.7% of the popular vote in the 1992 election, his lowest vote total ever.

No U.S. House campaign spent so little and scored so big in a congressional race as did the Sharpe campaign. In the 1992 Republican primary, the opponent outspent Sharpe 20 to 1, and yet Sharpe received 65% of the vote. In the general election, Gibbons spent \$7.60 per vote, and the Sharpe campaign spent only \$ 0.60 per vote cast. Gibbons outspent Sharpe 14 to 1. Sharpe won in areas that Gibbons *has never lost*, including the Interbay Peninsula and Gibbons *own home precinct*.

The St. Petersburg Times said, "One of the hottest races of the year is expected to be the rematch between Gibbons and Republican Mark Sharpe."* Now that Sam Gibbons is interim chair of the House Ways & Means Committee, all eyes are focused on a man that has never held a serious leadership post despite his 32 years in Congress. This is a golden opportunity for the voters and the media to focus on his orthodox liberal tax and spend policies.

How does this add up? The simple reality is that with a good organization (which we have), dedicated volunteers (which we have in *abundance*), and a decent budget, Mark Sharpe, a young, energetic Republican can take the district in 1994.

* 1/9/94 Community Times, Page 1

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

Florida District 11 Statistical Details

Reg. Democrats	133,736
Reg. Republicans	71,569
Reg. other	23,212

# voters 1992	191,139
# expected 1994	156,000

# of precincts	145
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1992 Gibbons	100,816
1992 Sharpe	77,451
1992 Independent	12,707

% Gibbons	52.7
% Sharpe	40.6
% Independent	6.7

Expenditure Gibbons	\$ 960,511
Expenditure Sharpe	\$ 51,393
Expenditure Independent	\$ 35,534

Precincts Sharpe won 1992

103, 109, 111, 117, 119, 133*, 135, 139, 155, 401, 405, 411, 415, 421, 431, 461, 550, 551, 553, 555, 560, 561, 571, 575, 625, 651, 653, 655, 657, 801, 821, 825, 827, 829, 833, 851, 855, 859, 867, 879, 941.

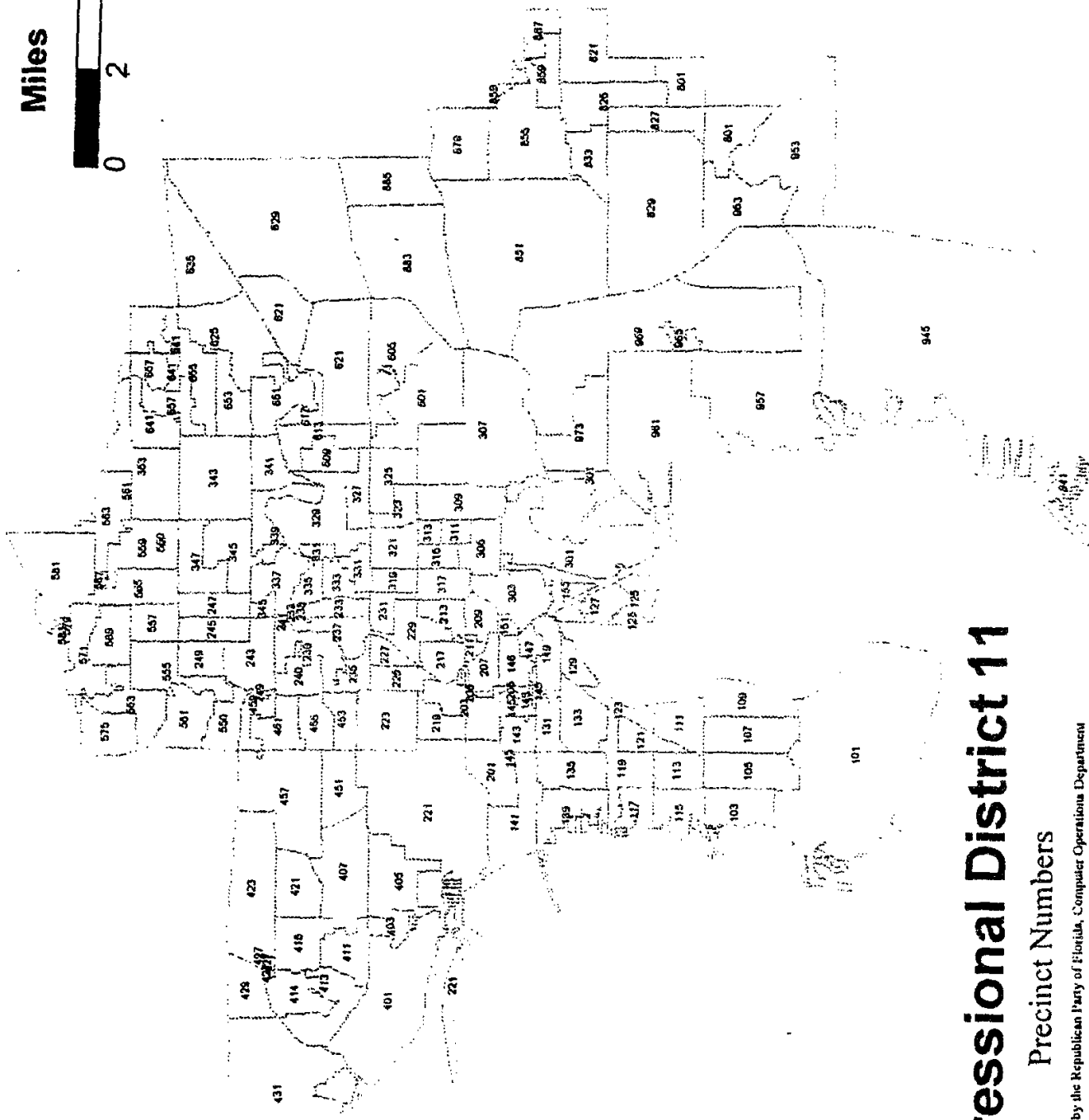
Precincts tied/close & expected to win 1994

105, 107, 113, 115, 121, 123, 125, 127, 221, 239, 243, 249, 343, 345, 407, 414, 423, 429, 451, 453, 457, 459, 563, 569, 581, 621, 957, 961 (absentee voters tied)

* *Gibbons home precinct*

Paid for by Mark Sharpe for Congress 9/94

Miles



Congressional District 11

Precinct Numbers

Prepared by the Republican Party of Florida, Computer Operations Department

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

Budget Overview

YTD	\$175,000
Cash on Hand	75,000
Operating Exp to 11/8	15,000
Media Fund (Current)	60,000

All money that is raised from this date forward will go directly into media. Operating costs have been budgeted (as noted above), so we can devote all additional revenues to radio, newspaper, and television buys.

This is a targeted race for the Republican Party. Expected level of Party support is not known at this time.

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

Polling Data Summary

Polling by Fabrizio, McLaughlin & Assoc
July 11-13, 1994
+/- 5.6%, 95% confidence interval.

Key Finding: 32 Year incumbent Sam Gibbons is extremely vulnerable to challenger Mark Sharpe.

In direct contrast to Sam Gibbons, Mark Sharpe is seen as a young, intelligent, conservative who offers the voters a real opportunity to bring change to Congress. Gibbons' biggest liability, beyond his age, is the fact that 44% of voters questioned could (without prompting) name something they disliked about him. As of 7/94 most voters were unaware of Gibbons' liberal record; When given specific information about Gibbons record, the voters gave Sharpe a 9 point lead. When questioned about Gibbons clout & seniority versus his 32 year tenure, 50.3% of those interviewed said it was time for a new face. Among those who knew Mark Sharpe (55%) there were 2.5 positive to every 1 negative.

In order to win, Sharpe needs enough resources to expand his positive name awareness and expose Gibbons' record.

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

Campaign Strategy

The 1994 Mark Sharpe campaign revolves around that to which most candidates pay lip service, but upon which they do not act: **Grassroots.**

We are using our resources to contact voters one-on-one. Our ground attack centers on door-to-door campaigning. Early on, we have concentrated on meeting voters in areas we were forced, because of time and lack of funds, to ignore the first time around.

The middle portion of the ground effort involves deployment of our army of precinct captains who are meeting and phone canvassing the voters all across the district

The final phase will target those precincts that we have identified as having movable voters - areas where we can cut into the strength of the incumbent. The last weeks will focus heavily on a GOTV effort targeted at identified friendly voters.

Direct mail will remind the voters who we are and help with name recognition. We will target those voter groups that we have previously identified as being most receptive to our message.

Radio and television will be used to reinforce the above and reach those voters that these methods do not.

Gibbons gets heat in town meeting over health care

By JEFF STIDHAM
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — Bob Lang, like most of the more than 100 people attending U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons' town meeting Saturday, is angry and worried. Lang, who employs 60 people at Lang Engineering in Tampa, is worried that he would be forced under

St. Petersburg
Times

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1994 Spotlight unkind to Gibbons

Sam Gibbons always has been
borough County...

EDITORIALS

Gibbons' blind spot

Washington insiders are having a tough time coming to terms with the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Tampa, has been described as affable but independent, honest bordering on blunt, a fierce defender of free trade but not the dealmaker his indicted predecessor was.

Nowhere but Washington would such traits be considered character flaws. At a time when public confidence in Congress is all but invisible, those ought to be considered testimonials worth touting. But Washington uses its own peculiar yardstick to measure success. Honesty and integrity don't figure in.

they say, son never lobbies father. But that argument overlooks other committee members and the committee staff. That may have been less of a problem when Gibbons was vice chairman. Imagine saying no to the chairman's son.

If anyone wonders what kind of problems such a relationship could cause, look no further than Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles. While he would not lobby his father, Chiles III eventually...

U.S. CONGRESS Meek, Gibbons Biggest Spenders

What's your congressman doing to reduce the deficit?

Since FLORIDA TREND last examined that question 11 months ago, the national debt has swollen by more than \$300 billion.

But there is good news. With the exception of Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Tampa, all members of Florida's congressional delegation who were in office before the last election are supporting, at least marginally, the National Taxpayer Union Foundation's Congressional Budget Tracking System. And among Florida's freshman congressmen, four of nine (all Republicans) are sponsoring legislation that would use a new...

Gibbons draws fire at meeting

The congressman endures a fusillade of criticism over health-care reform plans.

By JANE K. MARTIN

Tampa Tribune

Paid for by Mark Sharpe for Congress

Florida Trend
October 1993

SHARPE FOR CONGRESS

Sharpe strikes receptive chord

By PAULO LIMA
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — Town 'N Country residents who showed up for Saturday morning's town meeting with Republican congressional challenger Mark Sharpe sent a clear message regarding what they want from Washington: less.

The overwhelmingly supportive group, made up of a few political supporters and about 15 members of the community, pointed to poor public education, burdensome government regulation of small business and overzealous health-care reform as its main concerns.

Sharpe, a 34-year-old former Navy intelligence officer, is running against 32-year incumbent U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Tampa. Sharpe won 41 percent of the vote when he lost to Gibbons in 1992.

of integration," Sharpe said. "As far as I'm concerned, the No. 1 priority should be the overall quality of the education."

Sharpe, an eighth-grade American history teacher at Seminole Presbyterian, also called for more competition in schools. He criticized recent lowering of college entrance requirements, a trend one member of the audience referred to as "dumbing down" schools.

Competition also is essential to the health of the economy, Sharpe said. Excessive government regulation is bogging down small business, he said. There was plenty of agreement from the crowd.

"If we did not have to fight the government, then we could hire more people and help stimulate the economy," said business owner Terry Castro.

When Sharpe asked what government should do to stimulate the economy, he received a standing ovation.

Tampa Tribune 7/19/94

Gingrich gives boost to Sharpe

The Republican whip helps raise \$50,000 for the opponent of U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons.

By WILLIAM MARCH
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — An appearance in Tampa on Saturday by U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich helped congressional candidate Mark Sharpe raise almost as much money in a day as he did during his entire 1992 race, Sharpe campaign officials said.

Despite the \$50,000 boost, Sharpe faces an uphill battle against Gibbons.

"He's always talking about more taxes, more government and raising taxes," Sharpe told the crowd.

Gingrich, who has built a reputation for partisanship and rebellious conservatism in Congress, is Republican whip and seems certain to become minority leader next year.

He roused applause Saturday by saying he hopes to become House speaker, while Gibbons says he will not happen if the Republicans win the majority in the House.

"I believe we are in real trouble as a society," he said. Juvenile crime, child abuse, illiteracy and the underclass are creating "a genuine crisis of our civilization."

One answer he advocated Saturday is a current-events course he teaches and circulates nationwide on videotapes, called "Renewing American Civilization."

Gingrich is a history professor for eight years before entering Congress.

And much of the support comes through a private, tax-exempt foundation linked to Gingrich that has been accused of partisan activity including helping him politically violate IRS regulations for nonprofit groups.

Both Gingrich and Sharpe Saturday they oppose a possible invasion of Haiti. Both advocate trying "liberation armies" of Haitian refugees instead and sending them back to Haiti.

"There's no justification for running a single American life," said Gingrich. "It's a bad idea."

In 1983, Gingrich helped establish his reputation for bare-knuckled politics by sharply criticizing President Ronald Reagan who opposed the



Gingrich



Sharpe

Tampa Tribune 9/7/94

Paid for by Mark Sharpe for Congress

SHARPE FOR CONGRESS

Mark Sharpe for Congress 1994 Election Cycle

Conclusion

If we reach our media funding goals, Marke Sharpe will defeat Sam Gibbons in November. It's that simple.

Our fundraising events to date have been very successful; a single recent event with Minority Whip Newt Gingrich raised \$50,000. Our focus now is on organizations such as yours.

Your task is simple. If you are satisfied with the way government has operated for the last 40 years and are in favor of government controlled healthcare, choking regulation and bureaucracy, runaway socialism and higher taxes, then you need do nothing. If, however, you desire a more effective, streamlined government that is responsive to your needs and to the needs of our nation, then please support Marke Sharpe. You will be joining the people of Tampa and these concerned organizations:

Outback Steakhouse

National Rifle Association • Political Victory Fund

General Mills

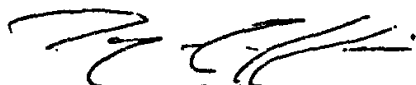
American International

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Please contact me if you have any questions about Mark Sharpe and his race in Florida's 11th District.

I will be contacting you shortly.

Best Regards,



Lawrence Collins
PAC Coordinator
(813) 288-9264

Sharpe for Congress
1111 N. Westshore Boulevard
Suite 103-B
Tampa, Florida 33607
288-0442 • fax 288-0058

LISTING OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CALENDAR 1994 ELECTIONS

26-Jan-93	2,500.00	FRIENDS OF NEWT GINGRICH - 1994 PRIMARY ELECTION
27-Mar-93	2,000.00	HATCH ELECTION COMMITTEE - 1994 PRIMARY ELECTION
19-May-93	2,500.00	SUNDQUIST FOR GOVERNOR - 1994 PRIMARY
24-Jun-93	500.00	FRIENDS OF NEWT GINGRICH - 1994 PRIMARY ELECTION
02-Nov-93	500.00	FRIENDS OF JIMMY NAIPEH - 1994 GENERAL ELECTION
08-Dec-93	2,000.00	TENNESSEANS FOR THOMPSON - 1994 PRIMARY ELECTION
27-Apr-94	1,500.00	FRANK LUCAS FOR CONGRESS - 94 SPECIAL ELECTION OK 6TH
27-Apr-94	500.00	OSBORNE FOR CONGRESS - 94 PRIMARY TN 5TH
01-Sep-94	5,000.00	TENNESSEANS FOR THOMPSON - 1994 GENERAL ELECTION US SENATE TN
01-Sep-94	5,000.00	BILL FRIST FOR US SENATE - 1994 PRIMARY ELECTION US SENATE TN
01-Sep-94	5,000.00	BILL FRIST FOR US SENATE - 1994 GENERAL ELECTION US SENATE TN
26-Sep-94	5,000.00	SUNDQUIST FOR GOVERNOR - 94 GENERAL TN
26-Sep-94	5,000.00	GILL FOR US CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL TN 6TH
30-Sep-94	2,500.00	RON FREEMAN FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE - 94 GENERAL MO 5TH
30-Sep-94	1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MAE BEAVERS - 94 GENERAL TN STATE REP 35TH
30-Sep-94	1,500.00	KEVIN VIGILANTE FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL RI 1ST
30-Sep-94	5,000.00	SANTORUM FOR 94 COMMITTEE - 94 GENERAL US SENATE PA
30-Sep-94	5,000.00	FRIENDS OF MIKE DEWINE - 94 GENERAL US SENATE OH
30-Sep-94	2,500.00	MARK SHARPE FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL FL 11TH
30-Sep-94	1,500.00	STENHOLM FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL TX 17TH
30-Sep-94	1,500.00	JOHN LARSON FOR NORTHWEST INDIANA - 94 GENERAL CONGRESS IN 1ST
30-Sep-94	5,000.00	FRIENDS OF NEWT GINGRICH - 94 GENERAL GA 6TH
17-Oct-94	1,000.00	BRYANT FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL TN 7TH
17-Oct-94	500.00	MARK SHARPE FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL FL 11TH
17-Oct-94	1,500.00	ABRAHAM FOR SENATE - 94 GENERAL US SENATE MI
17-Oct-94	1,000.00	GANSKE FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL IA 4TH
17-Oct-94	1,000.00	FRIENDS TO ELECT SCOTT MADISON - 94 GENERAL TN STATE REP 35TH
17-Oct-94	1,000.00	JOHN FOX FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL PA 13TH
17-Oct-94	1,000.00	BONILLA FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL CO 2ND
17-Oct-94	1,000.00	STOKES FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL KY 3RD
02-Nov-94	1,000.00	MARK SHARPE FOR CONGRESS - 94 GENERAL FL 11TH

\$ 4,000 Total

71,500.00 TOTAL GIVEN FOR CALENDAR 1994 ELECTIONS

10,000.00 GIVEN IN CALENDAR 1993

61,500.00 GIVEN IN CALENDAR 1994

September 30, 1994

Mark Sharpe for Congress
c/o Rick Berman
607 14th Street, NW
Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Sharpe,

On behalf of Citizens for Political Accountability, please accept the enclosed check for your 1994 election campaign.

Please keep us informed as your campaign progresses. We wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Melissa S. Cain
Administrator

MSC/

Enclosure: check #254
 amount \$2,500.00

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE INC.
CITIZENS FOR POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY
QUALIFIED AS MULTI-CANDIDATE COMM. ON 6/10/92
P. O. BOX 787
LEBANON, TN 37088-0787

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September 30 1994

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Pay to the
Order of

Mark Sarge for Congress \$ 2,500.00

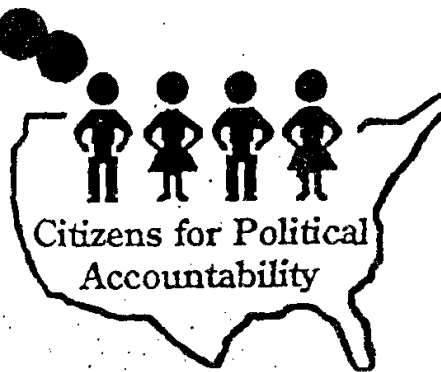
Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars

WBT WILSON BANK & TRUST
LEBANON, TENNESSEE

For 94 General EL 11th

Patricia Sarge / Mark S. Sarge

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October 17, 1994

Mr. Mark Sharpe
Mark Sharpe for Congress
c/o Berman & Company
Suite 1110
607 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mark;

On behalf of Citizens for Political Accountability, please accept this additional contribution for your 1994 election campaign.

We wish you the best of luck. Please keep us informed as the campaign progresses.

Sincerely,

Melissa S. Cain
Administrator

MSC/

Enclosure: check #259
amount \$500.00

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE INC.
CITIZENS FOR POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY
QUALIFIED AS MULTI-CANDIDATE COMM. ON 6/10/92
P. O. BOX 787
LEBANON, TN 37088-0787

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October 17 1994

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Pay to the
Order of Mark L. Hays for Congress \$ 500.00
Five Hundred and 00/100 ————— Dollars

WBT WILSON BANK & TRUST
LEBANON, TENNESSEE

For 94 General FL 11th Patricia A. Lewis / Mattie L. Lewis
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November 2, 1994

Mark Sharpe
c/o Sharpe for Congress
1111 N. Westshore Boulevard
Suite 103-B
Tampa, FL 33607

Dear Mark,

We have a few dollars remaining that we thought might be beneficial to your election.
Go get 'em!

Sincerely,

Melissa S. Cain
Administrator

MSC/

Enclosure: check #287 amount \$1,000.00

CRACKER BARRELL OLD COUNTRY STORE INC.
CITIZENS FOR POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY
QUALIFIED AS MULTI-CANDIDATE
COMM. ON 6-10-92 P. O. BOX 787
LEBANON, TN 37088-0787

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November 2 1994

Pay to the
Order of *Mark Shrage for Congress* \$ *1,000.00*
One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

WBT WILSON BANK & TRUST
LEBANON, TENNESSEE

For *94 General EL 11th District Patrick A. Shrage / C. E. Shrage*
⑆064103529⑆ 703 821 911 0287



JACK L. JENNINGS

(615) 455-5898
Tullahoma, TN

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8-16-94 - Shoreline	1000	
8-25-94 - Smaguck for Gov.		15,000
8-25-94 - Bowers for State Sen.		2000
8-25-94 - West Smaguck	1000	
9-07-94 - Mal Bowers		1000
9-7-94 - John Osborn	1000	
9-22-94 - Ron Freeman	1000	
10-25-94 - Nathaniel for Gov.	1000	
10-25-94 - John Wessm	300	
11-1-94 - Wesley Colaplaty		300
11-1-94 - Mark Sharpe for Gov.	1000	
11-4-94 - Zach Wray for Gov.	1000	

DAN W. EVINS

HANDWRITTEN NOTES

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

DARDEN RESTAURANTS

Red Lobster®

The Olive Garden®

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CLIFFORD L. WHITEHILL-YARZA
Senior Vice President
General Counsel and Secretary

July 9, 1998

Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Attention: Tony Buckley

RE: MUR 4434
General Mills Restaurants

Dear Mr. Buckley:

In response to the subpoena issued by the Commission in the above matter, please accept the following answers to this request for documents and information:

1. Produce all documents which refer, relate, or in any other way address the candidacy of Mark Sharpe in the 1994 general election, including, but not limited to, solicitations for contributions.

Answer Attached as Exhibit A1-9 are copies of all documents located in the files of the Corporation.

2. Identify all persons employed by you who received a solicitation for a contribution to Mark Sharpe for Congress. Identify all other persons who were aware of any such solicitation.

Answer The files of the Corporation do not contain any information as to these questions.

3. Provide a current address and phone number for Richard J. Walsh.

Answer The current address and phone number of Richard J. Walsh contained in the files of the Corporation is 2401 Norfolk Road, Orlando, FL 32803 – (407) 898-3986.

If you request any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Attachment

GROffice
Disbursements Register Report

EXHIBIT A-1

07/02/98

ID	Date	Amount	Check Info	Bank-ID	Line	Purpose	Description	Ear Mark
SHARPE-HFL11	09/07/94	1,000.00	M/1143	SUNBANK	23	1994 GG01	Mark Sharp, U.S. HOUSE 11th FL	
SHARPE-HFL11	09/18/96	1,000.00	M/1687	SUNBANK	23	1996USG001	Mark Sharp, U.S. HOUSE 11th FL	
2		2,000.00						
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GENERAL MILLS RESTAURANTS, INC.
PAC CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATION

NAME: MARK SHARPE **STATE:** FL **DISTRICT:** 11 **PARTY:** Republican

CURRENT OFFICE/OFFICE SOUGHT: U.S. House

FIRST ELECTED: **% OF VOTE LAST ELECTION:**

COMMITTEES:

GMRI FACILITIES: RL: 4 OG: 2 CC: GMI:

GROUP RATINGS: COC: ADA: COPE: **NEWLY ELECTED:** **CHALLENGER:** X

OPPOSITION: Sam Gibbons (D) Incumbent

BACKGROUND: Naval Intelligence Officer; School Teacher

RATIONALE: Mark Sharpe is a young, conservative Republican who believes in less government, less spending and less taxes. He is challenging incumbent Democrat Sam Gibbons who has been in Congress over 30 years and is currently acting Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Despite meetings with restaurant industry representatives who explained how devastating employer mandated health care requirements would be for us, Gibbons has been a leading proponent in Congress of a Clinton-style health care reform plan which includes employer mandates. In 1992, Mark Sharpe ran against Sam Gibbons and held him to 52% of the vote. With the support of Florida businesses, Sharpe has a good chance of winning the 11th District this year. [Additional Information Attached]

Previous Contributions

<u>GMRI</u>		<u>GMI</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>

Campaign Account

CAMPAIGN NAME: Sharp for Congress

ADDRESS: 1111 N. Westshore Blvd., Ste. 103B, Tampa, FL 33607

PHONE NO:

TREASURER:

Contribution Request

DATE: 9/6/94

RECOMMENDED BY: Rick Berman; Rick Walsh

REQUESTED AMOUNT: ~~\$500.00~~ 1,000

APPROVED ☒ **DENIED** ☐

FLORIDA
11th Congressional District

Primary: September 8, 1994

Incumbent: Sam Gibbons, (D) - Began service: 1963

RECOMMEND SUPPORT FOR:

Challenger: Mark Sharpe, (R)

Fifteen term Congressman Sam Gibbons, (D) may have two obstacles to overcome in his drive to become the next Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The first, and potentially biggest obstacle, is to be re-elected. (The second is the actual indictment of the present Chairman, Dan Rostenkowski.)

Mark Sharpe, a former Navy Intelligence officer who resigned from the Navy to run against Gibbons in 1992, held the entrenched incumbent to 52.7% of the vote. Born at the MacDill Air Force Base hospital and educated in Florida, Sharpe more clearly mirrors the voters of the 11th District (whose average age is 33) than does the 73-year old Gibbons. In his first run for political office (in 1992), with \$13,000 and an army of volunteers Sharpe overwhelmed his well-funded primary opponent with 65% of the vote. Sharpe went on to carry Gibbons' home precinct as well as 41 other precincts in the 1992 general election. At a time when Bill Clinton carried the 11th District 41% to 39%, Gibbons, who had been accustomed to winning with 100% of the vote, received a virtually unheard of 52.7%. Commenting on Gibbons' poor showing in 1992, the *Almanac of American Politics* said, "Sharpe held Gibbons to a 53%-41% margin -- not an outstanding result for a 30-year veteran and perhaps an ominous sign for future elections." The most recent "Cook Political Report" rates the 11th District as only "Likely" for Gibbons to hold.

A fiscal conservative, Sharpe has been running for the 1994 election since the last vote was counted in 1992 and has no primary opposition this time around. He has immersed himself in the Hillsborough County School system as a teacher specifically requesting placement in inner city schools in the Fall session. From this vantage point, a key point in Sharpe's platform rings true -- "Nothing is more critical to America's continued success than a strong, secure, first rate educational program." Mark Sharpe also serves on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club, and the board of Camp Good Days and Special Times, a summer camp for children with cancer.

Fundraising to date: (As of 3/31/94)

	Receipts	Expenditures	Cash-on-Hand
Gibbons:	\$490,632	\$165,125	\$166,140
Sharpe:	\$ 40,803	\$ 22,802	\$ - 0 -

Interest Group "Correct" Vote Ratings - Gibbons:

Americans for Democratic Action:	65%
AFL-CIO:	83%
U.S. Chamber of Commerce:	45%
National Tax Limitation Committee:	0%

RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION:

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September 9, 1994

Mr. Mark Sharpe
Sharpe for Congress
1111 N. Westshore Blvd., Ste. 103B
Tampa, FL 33607

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

On behalf of all of our Red Lobster, The Olive Garden and China Coast Good Government Fund members, we are pleased to support your campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Walsh".

Rick Walsh

RJW/bs

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NAME: MARK SHARPE **STATE:** FL **DISTRICT:** 11 **PARTY:** R

CURRENT OFFICE/OFFICE SOUGHT: US Representative

FIRST ELECTED: **% OF VOTE LAST ELECTION:**

COMMITTEES:

DRI FACILITIES: **RL:** 4 **TOG:** 2 **CORPORATE:**

GROUP RATINGS: **COC:** **ADA:** **COPE:**

NEWLY ELECTED: **CHALLENGER:** **OPEN SEAT:** X

OPPOSITION: Democrats Sandy Freedman or Jim Davis (run-off in October)

BACKGROUND: Former military intelligence officer

RATIONALE: Sharp is a strong pro-business candidate who is very close to Outback Steakhouse Co. headquartered in his district. He is well-versed in the problems restaurants face and will likely be one of our strongest advocates.

Previous Contributions

9/7/94 \$1,000.00

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CAMPAIGN NAME: Friends of Mark Sharpe

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 26233, Tampa, FL 33623

PHONE NO:

TREASURER:

Contribution Request

DATE: 9/18/96

RECOMMENDED BY: Roger Chapin; Shannon McAleavey; Rick Walsh

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

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